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More than 1,960 students from 165 international colleges and universities gathered in New York city on April 10 to take part in a simulation of the United Nations. From this group, the 10-student team from Capilano College emerged with an Honourable Mention, one of only 15 awards presented for overall performance during the five-day event.



Cam Sylvester (far right) and his students display their recent award.

Capilano College Students Win in Big Apple

"It's amazing, really, that the students got this award," says **Cam Sylvester**, Political Studies instructor at Capilano College, and faculty coordinator of this year's event. "It's amazing because most schools take 30 to 40 people and our College only took 10.

"Add to that the fact that other countries receive lots of funding for this program — some students even showed up with their own laptop computers — and at least half of the people on those teams have participated before. Our students had to raise their own money and only one had attended previously. Because of funding problems, the team wasn't picked until February. This left them with only one month to prepare.

"Within that context, for them to even be noticed is remarkable. It's a real credit to their ability and hard work."

The National Model United Nations conference originated in 1923 as a simulation of the League of Nations. The NMUN adopted its present form in 1946, after the creation of the United Nations. The conference is one of the largest and most prestigious Model United Nations programs in the world. At its conclusion, annual awards are presented for best prepared schools. The ones who did their

homework and used their knowledge to play the game came out winners.

Students from Capilano College have been participating at the conference for the past nine years. "It was **Ed Lavalle's** work that got us into this," Cam says. "The conference teaches the students research and teamwork skills, and it instills confidence. They learn how the UN works and they also learn about the country they are representing."

The 10 Capilano College students, all who were taking political studies at the College, were: **Jeff Bow, Emily Coutts, Daniel Curylo, Rajan Dhami, Yaron Farzan, Mia Frederiksen, Jen Green, Arthur Hattrick, Erin Sackney** and head delegate **Peter Vander Woude**.

The country they had to represent was Vietnam. "They did such a good job that the ambassador of Vietnam sent them a message saying that he wished the students were working for him," says Cam.

"The Vietnamese mission (at the UN, embassies are called missions) went over their seven position papers with a fine tooth comb," he says, adding, "the ambassador's aide ended up spending two hours with the students. They found nothing wrong, but suggested altering the tone in some instances.

"They are an astonishing group," Cam continues. "There they were, working on program events from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day and still studying for exams and working on papers that would be due when they returned."

The dedicated team from Capilano College received a framed certificate for their Honourable Mention. It will join another certificate already hanging on the wall in the Social Sciences Division. The first award, also an Honourable Mention, was brought home in 1992 by a Capilano College team that played Cambodia.

Funding is a major obstacle that may prevent the continued presence of Capilano College at this event. "We used to receive some money under the previous federal government," Cam explains. "I know a lot of skilled and talented students who would have liked to have participated, but they couldn't afford it.

When asked what he gets out of his participation, Cam answers: "My favourite thing is to watch the students succeed. Through their efforts, Capilano College is becoming acknowledged on an international level as a school of excellence." □

Equity Committee Seeks Input, Members

Equity Committee members are once again actively implementing activities relating to equity issues within the College community.

As a sub-committee of the Education Council (formerly known as PEAC), the Equity Committee is presently reviewing the literature on equity and the implementation plans of various organizations. Current Committee members are: **Gordon Bailey, Rosalie Hawrylko, Annette Lorek** (chair), **Ethelyn McInnes-Rankin, Ruth Scheuing, Lian Zhang**, administrator **John Potts** and student **Dahla MacKenna**. The Committee is inviting representation from members of the OTEU and is also looking for one additional administrator.

Future meetings will focus on formulating goals and objectives specific to the College, organizing workshops on equity topics, and producing a detailed implementation plan.

Compliance with the Equity Act, proclaimed into law in 1986, involves

having a formal employment equity policy and implementation plan in place, and providing an annual progress report. Capilano College's equity policy reads as follows:

"Capilano College supports the concept of employment. That is, our goals are:

- to ensure access, free from arbitrary obstructions, to equal opportunity in terms of hiring and promotion
- to ensure an open workplace and a diverse workplace
- to affirm or establish processes which comply with the Federal Employment Equity Act. These processes will be established within the collegial model at Capilano College in ways which are appropriate for our institution."

The Committee meets once a month and welcomes input from members of the College community. Comments and inquiries regarding membership may be made through Annette Lorek at local 2143, or by fax at 984-1728, e-mail at alorek@claude.capcollege.bc.ca, or ALOREK on Pegasus. □

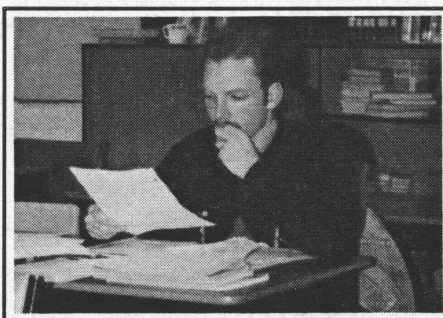
The Only Way is Up for Longtime Student

Warren Smith, a current student in the ABE program at Cap's Squamish campus, finds the program so stimulating he hated departing when classes ended in April.

After leaving high school with Grade 10 standing and working at a variety of minimum wage jobs, Smith found the ABE program did wonders for his self-esteem.

"The ABE teachers really have encouraged me in my studies, and my self-confidence has improved. I'm excited about catching on to something; I could sit in classes all day."

In the last two years, Smith has completed four math and two English courses, as well as a physics course and a chemistry course. He needs to finish provincial level (Grade 12) physics and



ABE student Warren Smith

chemistry courses in order to receive a provincial diploma.

"In math, I started from ground zero – counting – but I got an A-minus in my final math course," reported Smith. "I hope to go on to BCIT or the university transfer program at Cap when I've finished my provincial diploma." □

Classifieds

AWESOME TENANT, College employee, nonsmoker, seeks reasonably-priced, sunny, quiet suite (no basements) or self-contained unit for July 1. Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Deep Cove to Roberts Creek. Call Shelley at local 2088, or 738-1565.

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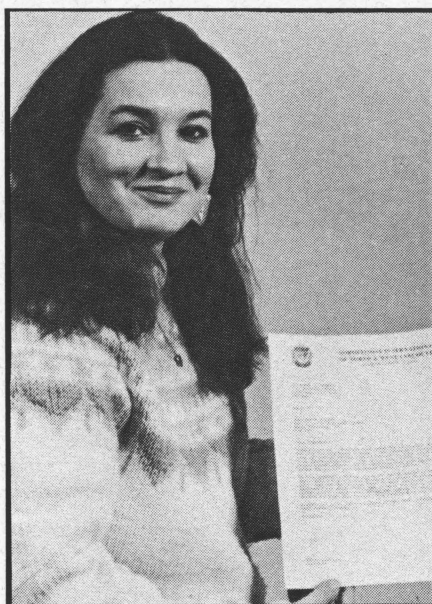
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the first Monday of June.

Next issue date is June 23

Award Winners Abound at College

Congratulations to the English department's **Dr. William Goede**, who recently received an award of \$5,000 from the B.C. Cultural Services Branch of the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture. The award will be used to complete his novel set in Tian'anmen Square during its occupation in 1989 by Chinese university students.

In addition, Will has recently revised and expanded a popular writing textbook published by Nelson Canada. *Inside Writing: A Writer's Workbook/First Canadian Edition*, provides a cultural context and work landscape more familiar to Canadian students. This workbook approaches essay writing through the student's



Anne Marie Macleod

mastery of sentence structure and combination. The book is available throughout Canada.

The Spring 1995 North Vancouver Community Arts Council Scholarship Endowment of \$200 went to **Hannah Calder**, second year Creative Writing student in the College's English department.

Congratulations also to **Anne Marie Macleod** who was named first-place winner in the Training Awards Program of Soroptimist International, Western Canada Region. Anne is a single parent and a student in Capilano College's Adult Basic Education and Office Technology programs. She hopes to enter the field of hospital administration. □

Resource Development News

Coming Soon to an Electronic Classroom Near You

The Vancouver Foundation's Education Advisory Committee recently approved a grant of up to \$39,000 for use at the new Squamish campus. The money will be used to purchase video-conferencing equipment, allowing students to participate in classes at the North Vancouver campus without travelling beyond Howe Sound.



Carol Kostiuk, from the North Shore Beta Sigma Phi, presents Bachelor of Music Transfer student, Annie Shum, with an award.

New Centre a Boon for the Visually Impaired

The new Adaptive Technology Centre, located in the library next to the Mac/PC lab, will allow students with visual impairments to access educational materials in ways they never could before. The Centre was funded by donations from community members, the Lions Gate Rotary Club, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and a grant from the National Library of Canada. By scanning a document into

the computer, a single word can be produced that fills the 21-inch high resolution screen. This can then be translated to braille and printed on the braille printer, or the voice synthesizer can be activated and the document read out loud. As well, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind donated three specially-modified tape recorders.

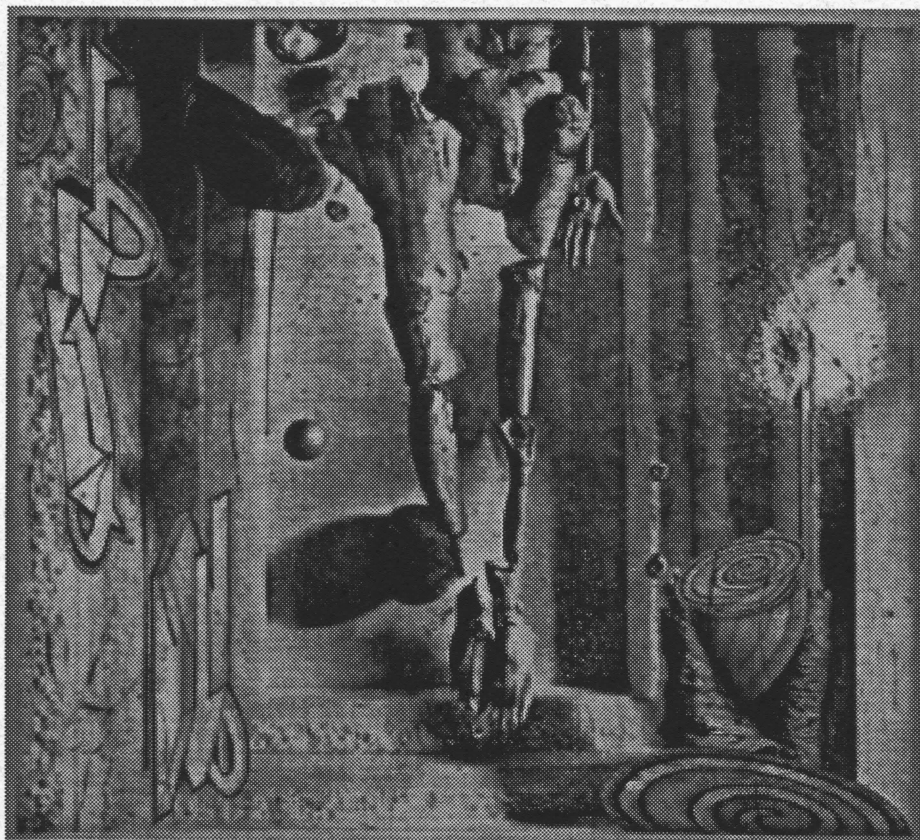
Bursary Monies Increase

Through the generosity of the North Vancouver Council of Beta Sigma Phi, the

Beta Sigma Phi Bursary has been increased by \$1,000. This bursary was established in 1992 to assist female students enrolled in full-time study. Candidates must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and financial need.

Supporting Capital Needs

The Bank of Nova Scotia announced April 5 that it will be contributing \$25,000 payable over a five-year period to support capital needs at the North Vancouver campus. □



This etching by Davida Kidd, an artist with Capilano College's Art Institute, is included in the catalogue for the International Print Triennial '94, held in Cracow.

Capilano College Art Institute Receives International Recognition

The Art Institute at Capilano College has once again left its mark on the international art scene. In the past year, the Institute has been invited to participate in three major international art exhibitions, an accomplishment that printmaking instructor, **Wayne Eastcott**, likens to major world sports events.

"These exhibitions are like the Olympics," he says. "You are chosen to represent your country and it's a real honour for us to be asked to participate."

The major printmaking event of the year took place in Cracow, Poland, September 11 to October 30. The International Print Triennial '94 invited 54 countries to participate. Of the 471 artists invited, 21 were asked to represent Canada. Out of these 21, five were associated with Capilano College.

"This was the important exhibition,"

Wayne says. "It was great that Canada was included and five artists were from Capilano College. Those odds are incredible. They must have really liked our work."

Participants from the Art Institute were: **Taiga Chiba, R. Wayne Eastcott, Davida Kidd, Marja-Leena Rathje, and Joan A. Smith.**

The 2nd International Mini Print Exhibition, which took place in Beorade (located in the former Yugoslavia), invited 245 artists. **Jean Morrison**, a printmaker and sculptor enrolled in the Institute's one-year certificate program, was one of only three artists asked to represent Canada. The former Yugoslavia is presently considered to be the world's centre of printmaking, but, Wayne says, "other countries, such as Tokyo, Brazil and

Poland have entered the limelight, probably because of the war."

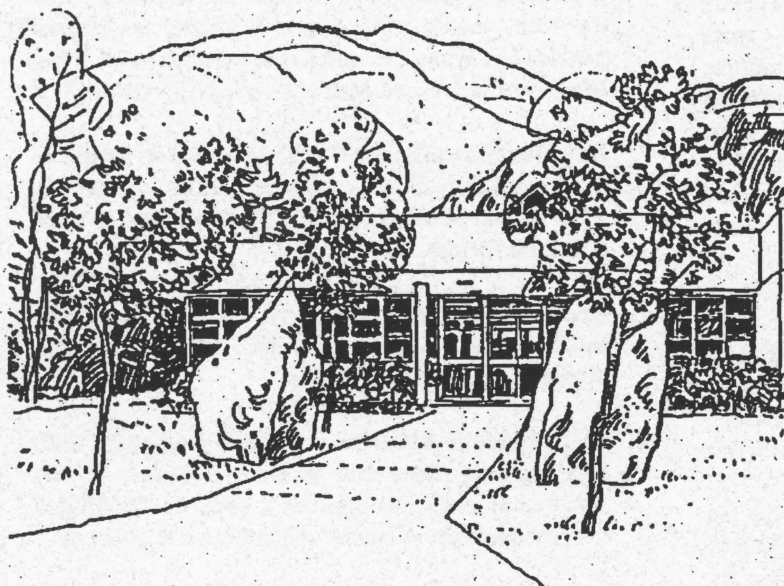
The third exhibition was held in Macedonia, also an independent state of the former Yugoslavia. The International Triennial of Graphic Art invited 368 artists from 67 countries. Seventeen were from Canada and two, **Jean Morrison** and **Penny Penn**, were from the College's Art Institute.

The Art Institute specializes in sculpture and printmaking and offers a one-year post-graduate certificate program. Comparable to artist-in-residence programs, the Institute offers advanced studies to artists with several years experience in sculpture or printmaking, or to recent college, university or art school graduates.

Typically, participants are artists of exceptional calibre, and the results of the 1994-95 group proved that this tradition is being carried on.

"We have really done well," Wayne says, adding, "I am so pleased. We continue to be included with the best in the world." □

*You are invited to join us
for the opening ceremony of the new
Squamish Campus of Capilano College*



Part of the Sea to Sky Community

Tuesday, May 30, 1995
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Refreshments will be available with all proceeds
going towards a bursary fund established
for students attending the Squamish Campus.*

**Open House to follow
1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

*End of Carson Place
(Map enclosed)*

**RSVP: Bev Hill
986-3515
by May 26, 1995**



ON BOARD

Profile

To some, **Dominic Brooks**, one of two student reps elected to the Capilano College Board, lives a charmed life. He commutes to the College four times a week from his home in Gibsons on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Waiting for him upon his return is his wife of three years, Denise, and their first child, Michael David, who was born on January 12.

Some may not think the 40-minute ferry ride so charming, but for many, including Dominic, it's a peaceful break from the traffic. "You get used to the commute," Dominic says. "For about the first two weeks, it's a struggle getting up early to make the 6:20 a.m. ferry. But after that, it's okay."

The 28-year-old former CGA student is presently enrolled in the Business Computing Coop program at Capilano College. He has just started his first paid work term for Quality Engineering Systems in Gibsons, a software development company that produces software for the pulp and paper industry.

"I'm designing a help system for all their computer software," says the first time dad. "It will be great to put what I've learned to use."

Dominic's reasons for seeking election to the College Board were twofold. "One, it's personal," he says, "because I'm interested in the politics of the College. Two, I want to ensure that student interests are protected."

"I'm really enjoying the Board so far," he adds. "I like the mix of people. They have certainly made me feel welcome."

He is also enjoying the College and the three-year Business Computing program. "I love the College," he says. "The setting is beautiful, it's close to the city and the instructors are great." □

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Bill Schermbrucker, Committee Chair

Spring Grant Awards

In this round of grant adjudications by the Faculty Development Committee, 16 applications were successful, and one was ineligible. The Committee felt that several projects should have been funded by the Departments concerned. Because of the large number of applications, the Committee decided to disburse more than half of its grants budget, and reduce the amount available in the fall. Applicants were awarded 50%-90% of what they applied for, to a ceiling of \$1,000. The following were funded:

Leslie Baker (Extension: Eldercollege): \$620 to attend a conference entitled "Maintaining Momentum: The Challenge for Seniors' Learning Organizations," at McGill Inst. for Learning in Retirement, Montréal.

Mark Battersby (Philosophy): \$440 to attend the American Philosophical Association (Western Division) in San Francisco to comment on a paper by Stanford ethicist and philosopher of education Nel Noddings entitled "Care and Critical Thinking."

Robert Campbell & Towser Jones (History): \$445 and \$270 respectively to attend a conference entitled "New Directions in B.C. History" at the University of Northern B.C. in Prince George.

Susan Gardner (Philosophy): \$900 to present a paper at the seventh International Philosophy for Children Conference in Melbourne, Australia.

Lyne Gareau (French) \$900 to attend a conference entitled "Language Labs on the Leading Edge," at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame Indiana.

Ed Laval (Political Studies/Labour Studies): \$1000 to attend and organise the AGM of the Canadian Labour Education and Research Association of which he is the Secretary-Treasurer, and to present a paper, "Learner Terminal Objectives in Curriculum Planning and Development" at the Learned Societies in Montréal.

Annette Lorek & Sidney Myers (Library): \$500 each to attend the third annual "Innovative Users' Group Meeting" in Oakland California.

Liz Moffitt & Stephen Williams (Music Therapy): \$700 each to attend the Annual Nat. Conference of the Can. Assoc. for Music Therapy at Wilfred Laurier U., Waterloo, and Liz to co-present on "New Models of Advanced Music Therapy Education."

Bill Murdoch (Theatre): \$315 to attend an intensive 6-day workshop on Movement at U.B.C., comprising "The Suzuki Method of Actor Training" and "Masks & the Performer."

Ken Towson (Math): \$900 to attend a conference entitled "The Canadian Forum for Education in Mathematics" in Québec City.

Keith Wade & Malcolm Fitz-Earle (Biology), \$500 each towards travel and research necessary to the completion and publication of a book on "Evolution and Technology: A Study of Patterns and Process."

Jan Westendorp ((Media Resources), \$700 to attend a series of workshops on "Image and Vision Intensive: Photography and Digital Technologies," at S.F.U.'s School for the Contemporary Arts.

Brian White (Outdoor Recreation), \$785 to take an 8-day Assistant Guide Certification Course with Sage Wilderness Experiences in Nootka Sound, as a necessary credential for the department to offer an ocean kayaking leadership skill course component.

NEXT INSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP:
AUGUST 21-24 with Margot Rawsthorne. A \$200 course, free! Sign up today! (local 2201 or 2411)

The registration total for May Faculty Development Days workshops and courses was 262. There will be a repeat of the oversubscribed "Online Research Skills Pt.1: Library Catalogues & Databases" (hands-on workshop with George Modenesi & David Lambert) on **Wednesday August 30, 1995 CE223 9am-12pm** mainly for those waitlisted in May--a few seats left as of May 4. Call 2411.

Faculty Development Committee: **Gordon Bailey, Jolene Bordewick, Louise Cantin Orr-Ewing, Jann Gibbs, Scott MacLeod, Anne Watson.**